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FOR: NUCLIDE TRANSMUTATION DEVICE
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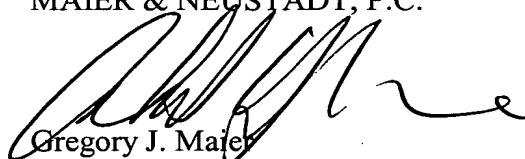
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In response to the Office communication dated July 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that Claim 3 be withdrawn from the claims previously identified as readable to the elected species, and identify Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 as readable to the species provisionally elected in the previous response. In this regard, Applicants wish to point out that the transmutation material is supplied on the surface of the structure body as gas or liquid containing the transmutation material for binding the transmutation material on the structure body and the transmutation itself is carried out in the apparatus shown in Figure 3. Thus, the liquid is used for supplying the transmutation material on the surface of the structure body for binding the transmutation material on the absorption part, and when the structure body having the transmutation material on the surface has been prepared, the transmutation of the nuclide is conducted by a gas transmission method. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the subject matter recited in Claim 5 is also believed to be readable to the elected species.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of this application be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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